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MAY **2025**

April 21, 2025

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Dear church,

On this Easter Monday, we of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America join with people around the world in heartfelt grief at the death of Pope Francis, and we celebrate his life eternal in Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis served Christ's church with wisdom, courage and humility. Throughout his pastoral ministry, he served as an instrument of God's justice and peace for all people and the whole of creation. His commitment to the poorest people, in his native Buenos Aires and around the world, was ever present, even in his simple living.

Pope Francis will go down in history as the first Jesuit bishop of Rome and the first from the Americas. His papacy will be remembered for his clarion call to action for climate justice, his bold engagement in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, his compassionate approach to several complex social issues, and his clear concern about the rise of right-wing populism worldwide and its impact on the most vulnerable.

In particular, we will remember Pope Francis for his significant contributions to the dialogue of life between Lutherans and Catholics, advancing the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. We will recall with amazement his participation alongside the Lutheran World Federation in a joint ecumenical commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Oct. 31, 2016. I will never forget witnessing the procession of the pope and the general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation down the aisle in red stoles during the prayer service that day. We give thanks to God for this witness to our visible unity in Christ.

We pray that God will strengthen the people of the Roman Catholic Church with the promise of Christ's resurrection. We extend our condolences to all our Catholic siblings, including the bishops, priests, deacons, scholars and laypeople with whom we are in dialogue and partnership. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the deliberations of the College of Cardinals as they begin the process of selecting a new pope.

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth and now rest from their labors, especially our brother, Pope Francis. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Happy Birthday to all who were born in May!
Jacob Zachrich, Elliott Taylor, John Priess, Liliana Thompson, Dawn Decker, Anna Brown, Ty Meadows, Amber Morin, Richard Phillips, Bruce Phillips, Corbin Berry, Lori Blanton, Mike Gelletly, and Matthew Phillips

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May 1st

Refresh Committee
The Refresh Committee has changed its day and times. They will be meeting on Thursdays now from 10:30am to 12:30pm. If you'd like to join the Refresh Committee, please see Dee Fleszar or Sharon Meadows.

May 4th – *Third Sunday of Easter*

Birthday Sunday
Join us for a birthday coffee hour from 11:00am – 12:00pm.

May 6th

Transition Team Meeting
The Transition Team will be meeting on Tuesdays 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

May 16th

Ypsilanti Community Choir Presents: SPRING! Can you Hear it?
The Ypsilanti Community Choir, led by Ariel Toews Ricotta, will be putting on a FREE concert Friday, May 16th at 7:30pm. The concert will be held at Towsley Auditorium, Washtenaw Community College.

May 20th

Let's Go Out to Eat!
The Membership Committee would like to invite to a meal and conversation on Tuesday, May 20th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI. This is simply a social event meant for people to get to know each other better. If you have a friend who you'd like to bring who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

May 26th – *Memorial Day – Office Closed*

May 27th – *Office Closed – Jennifer Off*

June 8th

Food Pantry 101
Sunday June 8, after the 10am service! Come find out the ins and outs of being a Feeding America, Food Gatherers Food Pantry!

SOCIAL CONCERNS MARCH NUMBERS:

Clothes Closet

87 families representing 279 people were served by the Clothes Closet in March. Donations are accepted Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30a or left in the Clothes Closet bin in the Gathering Area on Sundays.

A special THANK YOU to the Refresh Committee for painting the Clothes Closet! The bright white clean walls and ceiling are even being noticed by the clients!

Please do not leave donations in the basement or anywhere else in the church. Donations left elsewhere are subject to being thrown out. There are too many other groups that meet at the church and donations left in other areas could be in the way of those groups.

Over 400 tubes of Toothpaste and over 700 toothbrushes plus a large box of floss, picks and dental supplies were donated to Hope International's Mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Emmanuel's custodian, Paul will be a participant in that trip. Thank you to all who donated. Stay tuned for more information and for the Giving Tree to return in the summer for another collection of different items!

Food Pantry

224 families representing 582 individuals visited 390 times for servicing a total of 1008 people were served in March. The Food Pantry received 12,127 pounds of food valued at $19,711.28, from Food Gatherers grant funding and USDA free food. March average attendance was 98 families per week.

There has been a decrease in the amount of food available from Food Gatherers, yet Food Gatherers is upholding their prior commitment of the grants through the end of their fiscal year, June 30, 2025. If you are interested in helping Food Gatherers support the 140 county agencies (including Emmanuel's Food Pantry) that depend on Food Gatherers, go to http://www.foodgatherers.org and click on "Donate Now".

Quilting

Quilting will happen May 7, May 21 and June 4 at 11am in the Gathering area. No experience necessary, come and join the small team! After June 4, the Quilting team will take a summer hiatus until September 3!

Don't forget:

*If you need medical equipment, there is a medical loan closet at the Ypsilanti Township Community Center, 2025 E. Clark Rd., 734-544-8300. Information on other local medical loan closets can be found at http://www.loanclosets.org

***7 Benefits of Volunteering include:**

Reduces stress

Combats depression

Prevents Feelings of Isolation

Increases Confidence

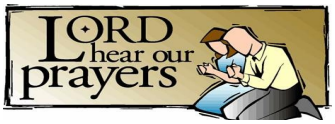
Gives a sense of Purpose

Ignites passion

Makes you happy

*Specifically looking for volunteers to help with Clothes Closet! Please consider helping restock and assist clients. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact information at the church office! Thank you!

Prayers requested for:



John, Mary, Corky, Lynn, Vicki, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, the family and friends of Sybil.

From Membership Committee

We would like to do an updated directory for our Emmanuel Families. There will be papers in the Narthex for you to fill out with any changes to your family information for the directory. Just fill out the paper and put it in the mailbox on the Church office door. Thank you!

Faith & Wellness: A Women's Health and Networking Event for Faith Leaders

Thursday, May 29, 10am-12pm at Vernon chapel AME Detroit, 18500 Norwood St., Detroit 48234. This meeting will provide an opportunity for faith community leaders, including lay leaders and clergy, to connect around health in our communities. Following the network event, please join us for a community health fair from 2pm-6pm. Hosted by Vernon Chapel and MIOCA. Scan the QR code or visit mioca.org to learn more.

Ways to Give

Giving can be done online by clicking here. You can also give via text at 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts. You can mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

PayPal

Select payment type as "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate if it is for a special account (food pantry, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

New Giving Mobile App

Download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30am Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am—12:30pm Refresh Committee 7pm—9pm YCC Jacob Zachrich	**2** 6pm –8pm NA Meeting Elliott Taylor	**3**
4 EASTER 3 8:45am Handbell Choir 9:30am Chancel Choir 10am Worship 11am Birthday Coffee Hr 6pm Scouts	**5** 	**6** 10:30am Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 1pm Food Gatherers Delivery 5:30pm Transition Team Meeting John Priess Liliana Thompson	**7** 9am—10:30am Clothes Closet 12:30-2:00pm Bible Study Class 3pm-5pm Food Pantry 8pm-9pm AA Meeting	**8** 9am Class of '53 9:30am Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am—12:30pm Refresh Committee 7pm—9pm YCC	**9** 6pm –8pm NA Meeting	**10** 10am-12pm Washtenaw Refugee Dawn Decker

11 EASTER 4 8:45am Handbell Choir 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	**12**	**13** 10:30am Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 1pm Food Gatherers Delivery 5:30pm Transition Team Meeting	**14** 9am—10:30am Clothes Closet 12:30-2:00pm Bible Study Class 3pm-5pm Food Pantry 8pm—9pm AA Mtg.	**15** 9:30am Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am—12:30pm Refresh Committee 7pm—9pm YCC	**16** 6pm –8pm NA Meeting Anna Brown Ty Meadows	**17**
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SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10AM IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM

** Birthdays listed at the bottom of each day*

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Church Office Hours are Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.